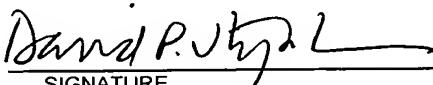


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/AU2002/000996</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>26 July 2002 (26.07.2002)</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/521,422</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>SURGICAL CLAMPS</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>ROYCE, Alistair et al.</b>		
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